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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Form I-590, Extension
of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Form I-
590, Registration for Classification as Refugee; OMB Control No. 1615-
0068.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and
Immigration Services (USCIS), has submitted the following information
collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is
published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.
Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until
November 3, 2008.

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this
notice, and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and
associated response time should be directed to the Department of
Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Management Division,
Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008,
Washington, DC, 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via
facsimile to 202-272-8352, or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov. When
submitting comments by e-mail please add the OMB Control Number 1615-
0068 in the subject box.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected
agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should
address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for
the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including
whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of
the collection of information, including the validity of the
methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to
be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those
who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated,
electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques
and forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic
submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Registration for Classification as Refugee.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection: Form I-590. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or Households. This information collection provides a uniform method for applicants to apply for refugee status and contains the information needed in order to adjudicate such applications.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 140,000 responses at 35 (.583) minutes per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 81,620 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the USCIS Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529, Telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: August 28, 2008.

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